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SUBJECT: ECE: VENUE FOR 29 TH PLENARY

REF: BUCHAREST 1778

1. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED AMBASSADOR PHILLIPS MAY 14 THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTION FROM BUCHAREST AUTHORIZING HIM TO ANNOUNCE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL DEFRAY ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT WOULD ARISE FROM HOLDING 29 TH ECE PLENARY IN BUCHAREST. MEANWHILE, EASTERN EUROPEAN CAUCUS HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT BUCHAREST MEETING BUT SOVIETS INSISTED THAT THIS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT CONSTITUTE PRECEDENT.

2. SUBJECT DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF WESTERN CAUCUS. NINE DELEGATIONS SPOKE. NETHERLANDS INDICATED SUBJECT REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY AND ITALY SAID GOVERNMENT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE BUT LEFT IMPRESSION THAT ITALY WOULD NEVERTHELESS PARTICIPATE IN MEETING IN BUCHAREST. MOST DELS SAID SUCH A MEETING SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SET PRECEDENT. ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO RULE 2 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION WHICH STATES
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THAT SESSIONS ORDINARILY TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA BUT THAT
THE COMMISSION MAY, WITH CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY
GENERAL, DECIDE TO HOLD A PARTICULAR SESSION AT ANOTHER
LOCATION. CAUCUS CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED CONSENSUS HAD BEEN
REACHED TO PURSUE MATTER AT PLENARY, PROBABLY AFTERNOON
OF MAY 16, WITH VIEW OF HAVING EXEC SEC OBTAIN SEC GEN
CONCURRENCE FOR ONE MEETING OUTSIDE GENEVA. AMBASSADOR
PHILLIPS STATED US WILL GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY BUT ON
CONDITION IT BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT GOVERNMENT OF
ROMANIA WILL DEFRAY ALL ADDITIONAL COSTS. BASSIN

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